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MEMORANDUM TO: Ashok C. Thadani, Director
Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research

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Division of Systems Analysis and Regulatory Effectiveness
Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research

FROM: Niles Chokshi, Chairman **/RA/**
Reactor Generic Issue Review Panel, GI-188, and Chief,
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SUBJECT: INITIAL SCREENING OF CANDIDATE GENERIC ISSUE 188,
"STEAM GENERATOR TUBE LEAKS OR RUPTURES,
CONCURRENT WITH CONTAINMENT BYPASS FROM MAIN
STEAM LINE OR FEEDWATER LINE BREACHES"

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The panel has decided that the candidate generic issue should be classified as a generic safety issue and should proceed on to Stage 3 of the GIP, "Technical Screening."

In accordance with the draft MD, the panel also reviewed the scope of the issue as proposed by the issue submitter. After discussion with the submitter, the panel has approved a statement of the nature and scope of the issue (attached).

In the course of these discussions, the panel determined that the original title of the issue, "The Potential for Resonance Vibrations of Steam Generator Tubes During a Main Steam Line Break," did not adequately reflect the full scope of the issue, and recommended that the title be changed to, "Steam Generator Tube Leaks/Ruptures Concurrent with Containment Bypass, From Breach of Main Steam or Feedwater Line."

This completes this panel's work and the initial screening stage for this generic issue. We understand that the technical issues raised in GI-188 will be addressed in the revised steam generator action plan which is now under development.

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